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**CHARGING A SET ACTIVATION** )  
**FEE FOR PAY TELEPHONE USAGE** )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

The undersigned thanks the Patent Examiner for his review of the Amendment and Response filed October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The subsequent Office Action mailed November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 continues to erroneously reject all of the claims. Claims 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Nolting et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,351,453. Claims 1-11 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Nolting et al.* in view of *Lesley*, United States Patent No. 6,88,752. Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Nolting et al.* *ing et al* in view of *Lesley* and *Casner*, United States Patent No. 4,517,411. Claims 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Golden*, United States Patent No. 4,897,870 in view of *Nolting et al.* The rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed. The claims have been amended, as indicated, but only to more specifically point out the respective inventions.